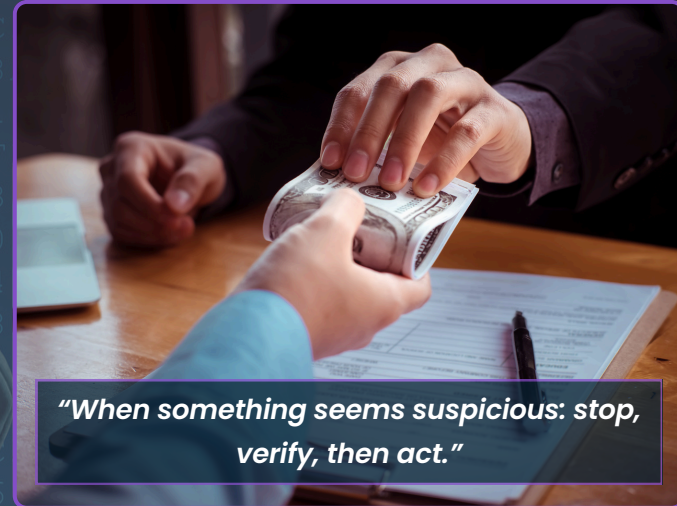


Bay East Consumer Guide

Fraud Red Flags

Know the warning signs before you send money, share information, or respond to a suspicious request.



"When something seems suspicious: stop, verify, then act."



Question Unusual Property Offers

Be cautious if someone:

- ✓ Offers to sell/lease property outside regular channels
- ✓ Wants to handle everything online
- ✓ Pressures you to act quickly
- ✓ Promotes an "exclusive" investment opportunity



Protect Your Information

Watch for emails requesting:

- Passwords or account information
 - Social Security numbers
 - Wire or banking details
 - Other sensitive personal information
- Don't respond to suspicious requests.



Verify Before Sending Money

Wire instructions deserve extra attention.

- ✓ Confirm instructions with a trusted pro.
- ✓ Be skeptical of last-minute changes
- ✓ Use a verified phone number or email
- ✓ Never rely solely on contact information in a suspicious message



Know the Other Warning Signs

Fraud can take several forms. Pay attention if:

- A message seems unusual or out of character
- Someone appears to be impersonating a transaction participant
- You discover unauthorized activity involving your property title
- You're pressured to invest in a supposedly exclusive opportunity



We're Here to Help

A Bay East REALTOR® can help you:

- ✓ Verify suspicious transaction comms.
- ✓ Confirm property and transaction information
- ✓ Connect you with trusted transaction pros.